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My dear Gray

I was just writing to you when I heard that you were that day leaving New and I then knew not where to direct to you - I have this morning heard from Harvey that you will be with him on Friday - It has been a very great disappointment to us not to receive you & Mr Gray again for however short a time but I know we have no claims for taking up more of your time & making you & Mr Gray come so far out of your way still if you yourself could somehow spend another day here before you cross the Atlantic I should feel very much gratified - I have some *Menispermata* & *Costaria Compositae* I want much to show to you - I

want to settle with you what is to
be done with the Eycl. Eyed Leguminosae
-and to talk over various matters
which you will have heard much
about whilst in town. We are
getting much more comfortably
settled here now and could I there
have received Mr Gray better
than we did last year and shown
her a little more of the beauties
of our country now that we have
a vehicle and horn. I suppose
however we must give her up
till the next time she comes to
Europe - but you must come
if you can

I received this morning
Torrey's parcel and a parcel you
sent for me to Regent Street with
some Doane plants from Hooker
& some Am. Eycl. Eyed Leguminosae

What shall I do with your
parcel of ferns?

Yours very truly

George Dontham